

be developed by the respective Committee or Subcommittee Chairman in consultation with the appropriate Ranking Member.

2. The topic of two hearings per month (either at the full Committee or subcommittee level) may be designated by the Ranking Member of the Committee, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee and relevant subcommittee, and such designation will be made in a timely fashion so as to meet the needs for scheduling, adequate notice of the hearing, and identification of witnesses.

3. Point 2 will not apply to any matter that could be placed on the Executive Calendar of the Senate, such as nominations and treaties.

C. Agenda of committee business meetings

The agenda for business meetings of the Committee, or of any subcommittee, will be developed by the Chairman in consultation with the appropriate Ranking Member.

TRADE AGREEMENT COMPLIANCE

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, yesterday, I led a group of 11 Senators in urging President Bush to ensure that there will be full funding for the Commerce Department's International Trade Administration efforts to make sure that our Nation's trade agreements are fully implemented and followed by our trading partners. In the days leading up to the President's budget proposal, we were seriously concerned by reports that there would be deep cuts in this program. Although it appears that the fiscal 2002 budget does not include cuts, we continue to be concerned that anyone would even consider such a damaging move.

This Nation has had a serious problem over the past two decades with many of our most important trading partners who have not complied with commitments made in trade agreements. The Japanese record, for example, of compliance with trade agreements is poor. We have brought disputes against the European Union at the WTO, and won those cases, yet the EU still does not comply with its obligations. China has presented major problems in implementing agreements on intellectual property rights protection and on market access, and China's entry into the WTO will bring new and even more difficult challenges to our efforts to ensure compliance.

It is critical that our Government agencies have the resources they need to monitor compliance, and then to take the actions necessary to enforce the commitments made by other nations. Shortchanging those agencies means shortchanging the American farmer, rancher, worker, and business owner. Further, when our trading partners fail to comply with a trade agreement, it corrupts the negotiating process and leads to a loss of confidence in the entire trading system. We cannot allow that to happen.

Therefore, we 11 Senators are calling on the President to ensure that the Department of Commerce, USTR, and other agencies responsible for trade agreement compliance are fully funded to ensure that our trading partners fol-

low the rules that they have agreed to follow.

I ask unanimous consent that the letter we sent to the President be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the letter was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

FEBRUARY 28, 2001.

President GEORGE W. BUSH,
The White House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: Over the past twenty years, the United States has negotiated hundreds of bilateral, regional and multilateral trade agreements. Unfortunately, the record of compliance by many of our trading partners is woefully inadequate. In the case of Japan, for example, the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan has concluded that barely half of our major bilateral trade agreements were fully or mostly successful. China's imminent accession to the WTO gives us an unprecedented challenge in ensuring compliance with their new commitments to open and liberalize the Chinese market.

In order to rebuild the consensus on trade in this country, it is imperative that we demonstrate, to our businesses and to our citizens, that the agreements we have concluded produce results. Agreements without full compliance debase the entire trade negotiating process. Ensuring compliance must be a top priority for the United States.

Therefore, we are distressed by recent reports that the proposal for fiscal 2002 funding for the Commerce Department's International Trade Administration will not provide sufficient resources for compliance activities. Congress provided significant new funding to USTR and the International Trade Administration to increase their compliance capabilities in fiscal 2001. It would be a serious mistake to reduce our government's ability to ensure that trade agreements fulfill their goals and that our manufacturers, farmers and ranchers, service providers, and exporters benefit.

We urge you to ensure full budgetary support for these critically important compliance efforts.

Sincerely,

Max Baucus, Jeff Bingaman, Blanche L. Lincoln, Dick Durbin, Dianne Feinstein, Ted Kennedy, Byron L. Dorgan, Bob Graham, Max Cleland, Jack Reed, Patty Murray.

TRIBUTE TO DALE EARNHARDT

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, it has been almost two weeks since American sports lost one of its greatest legends. On a Sunday, just like any other Sunday, millions of NASCAR fans watched the concluding laps of the Daytona 500 race. But February 18, 2001 is a Sunday that even those who were not at the race track, or glued to their televisions, will never forget. This was the day that we lost the person who many say was the sport's fiercest competitor.

I am, of course, speaking of Dale Earnhardt, a man who was aptly described as both "NASCAR's greatest driver" and "the Intimidator." As fans, friends and family continue to mourn his death, he is also remembered by labels such as "devoted husband" and "loving father" whose fearlessness on the track was eclipsed only by the size of his heart.

Adults and children alike are searching for the reasons why their hero was taken from them. Dale Earnhardt brought these strangers together, week after week, as a family devoted to following his career and celebrating his many victories. He became part of our lives through sports broadcasts and the media. He was only months away from his 50th birthday. He will not get to see his son follow in his footsteps and become a champion. But fans know that his devotion to the sport was so great that he was doing what he loved until the last moment.

A week after this tragedy, before all of the tears had dried, NASCAR continued with the racing season, but Dale Earnhardt was far from forgotten. The respect for this man was so great that drivers and crewman, men who raced against him for years, wore black, red and silver caps with Earnhardt's number three on them to honor their fallen comrade.

No one was ready to let Dale Earnhardt go. A man who had such spirit for the race of life as well as for the competition on the track will not easily fade into the past. His spectacular career statistics will certainly not let us forget and the way he lived his 49 years will be an even greater remembrance. He was admired in life and he will continue to be admired now that he has left us. He will continue to be a role model for drivers and fans alike. Dale Earnhardt will always be with us in our hearts, every time someone strives for greatness and every time someone takes the checkered flag.

TESTING FOR DEOXYNIVALENOL IN BARLEY

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I believe the Senator from Indiana, the chairman of the Agriculture Committee, is aware that barley growers are concerned about the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration testing of deoxynivalenol, or DON, levels in malting barley. Is that correct?

Mr. LUGAR. The Senator from North Dakota is correct. Identifying the presence of DON in malting barley is important because the presence of DON reduces the price producers receive for their barley. Malting barley purchasers are affected because DON can affect the characteristics of the products they make with that barley.

Mr. CONRAD. Many malting barley growers believe that current GIPSA measurement standards are unacceptable. When the Congress reauthorized the Grain Standards Act late last year, the Senator and I discussed these measurement standards. The Senate suggests that the Federal Grain Inspection Program Grain Standards division of GIPSA consider new technology that would allow for the more accurate measurement of DON in barley.

Mr. LUGAR. We also suggest that GIPSA consider ceasing the use of the